





DEATH.  
At Shanghai, on the 18th July, MANGIO GERMAN  
DE BUDA, aged 26 years. --

*The Daily Press.*

HONGKONG, JULY 20TH, 1891.

The Colony has escaped a great danger. As will be seen from the official telegraph published in another column, the proposal to sanction the appointment of a Chinese Consul to reside in Hongkong has been abandoned. There is still a small point to be contested, however, on which we trust our unofficial members of Council and the friends of the Colony in England will not dissent until they have achieved a victory. The Hon. T. H. WHITFIELD, at the earliest opportunity after the appointment had been announced, asked for the production of papers on the subject. His Excellency the Acting Governor, not feeling at liberty to comply with the request on his own responsibility, telegraphed to the Secretary of State for his sanction. Lord Kimberley's reply is to the effect that the proposal having been abandoned it is unnecessary to produce the papers. We can hardly conceive that any one in the Colony will consider it unnecessary, and we trust that the papers will be asked for here and in England and be over-

possible form until the Government, like the unjust Judge, is obliged to give way. The parallel to the unjust Judge strikes us as having in this case more than a conventional appropriateness. The refusal to produce the papers conveys the impression that the whole business was what in vulgar parlance is termed a "try on." It was, hoped, apparently, that the Colony would be found clapping. Nearly twenty years have elapsed since the question was last ventilated, the majority of those who took part in public affairs in those days are no longer here, this memory of the terrorism exercised over the Chinese inhabitants of Hongkong in the last China war has grown faint, and so it was thought that the proposal to foist a Chinese Yamen with its host of runners and squatters on the Colony might be acquiesced in, out of sheer ignorance or indifference. We may be doing the home Government an injustice, but what we have written above is a fair inference to draw from the determination to keep the papers back. They are evidently of a nature that cannot stand the light. It would be interesting to know the motive of the announcement originally given to the appointment by the home Government. Presumably there was some little point of diplomacy to be settled, and the permanent officials of the Foreign Office thought the interests of this Colony might be safely sacrificed in pursuit of the *signa fatus* of "a good understanding with China." But it is not merely for the gratification of idle curiosity that we regret the production of the papers. As we of the present generation benefit by the results of battles won by our predecessors, so ought we to cast an eye forward to the interests of our successors. Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL's despatch written in 1868 proved an effective weapon in the controversy of the present day, and the despatches written within the last few months may prove equally useful in the future. The incident of the past fortnight is suggestive of danger lurking in secret, and it would be well that it should be brought out into the open and fairly discussed once for all. The home Government have promptly given way, it is true, in deference possibly to representations made by the China Association, for the proposal appears to have been abandoned before the 7th inst., and as, the announcement was made here only on the 8rd there would scarcely have been time for local feeling to produce any effect. Whatever the reason of the reversal of the former decision, it is satisfactory to find that the mistake was so promptly recognised. But why was the mistake ever made? Surely the interests of the Colony must be highly esteemed at home when such mistakes are possible. In the words of the first of the resolutions prepared for the public meeting which was to have been held on Thursday next, the public must "view with the greatest astonishment and regret the action" of the Foreign Office in "sanctioning even" "extemporally the appointment of a Chinese Consul in Hongkong without consulting in any way" the Hongkong mercantile community or taken "their opinion in a matter so gravely affecting their interests." The unofficial members of Council certainly ought to have been consulted, as they were under similar circumstances by Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL. The fact that they were not so consulted suggests the consideration whether the time has not arrived for the representation of the unofficial element in the Executive Council in order to exercise some check on the blunders occasionally made through sheer inacquaintance with the history and circumstances of the Colony.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 11.15 a.m. on Saturday.

The P. & O. steamer *Pattin* left Shanghai for this port at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

The *Shanghai Mercury* of the 13th inst. says—"The last flap-stick, which for so many years has been used opposite to the old 'Kee-chong' house, has been taken down this morning."

The Agents (Messrs. Duffell, Orrell & Co.) inform us that the Chinese steamer *Empress of China* left Liverpool on the 13th July, and is due here on the 28th August.

The director of the Royal Observatory at Peking has commenced keeping a meteorological register, and copies of 16 are supplied to the papers. "This is another step in advance by China."

The Agents (Messrs. Swenson & Co.) inform us that the Union Line steamer *Galley of Lorne*, from London, left Singapore on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

It is announced in the *Government Gazette* that the Queen's exequatur, empowering Mr. J. H. van der Meer, Consul-General for the Netherlands at Hongkong, received Her Majesty's signature on the 22nd May inst.

Mr. Nathan Ruckwyl, M.M., has written and composed a comic opera in two acts entitled "Ho-cho," which, we understand, may shortly be produced at the Theatre Royal, and will be assisted by Mr. John Tennie in the work.

A proclamation in *Barclay's Gazette* under the hand of the Acting Governor, declares that it is the duty of all "British subjects or persons of European descent" to be vigilant and on the lookout for contagious diseases, particularly cholera, and to report the same to the authorities. Vessels arriving from those will therefore have to submit to quarantine.

The mortality returns for June show that 13 deaths occurred in the Colony and 10 in British and Foreign communities and 4/6 among the Chinese population. The death rate per 1,000 of the whole population was 25.8; that of the British and Foreign community 23.1.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Her Majesty's Letters Patent have been granted to the undersigned in relation to the printing and publishing of the *Printers and Publishers Ordinance* and *Ordinance 5 of 1891*, providing for the naturalization of *Lao Sai* and *Lao Wan* Chin.

A telegram in the *Bangkok Gazette* dated 11th inst. says—"The Anglo-Chinese Consulate Commission at Darjeeling, consisting of Mr. Paul, the Secretary to the Amban at Lhasa, assisted by Mr. Hart, is quietly doing its work in Szechuan, and the trading conditions between Tibet and British India." It is possible a trading convention may be the outcome.

According to *Reuter's Standard* appears to have had a severe frost from 10th to 12th inst. The French troops have occupied the province of Luang Prabang. "Whereupon the following contradiction is telegraphed by *Reuter's Standard*—"The French troops have occupied the province of Luang Prabang by the French troops is denied here."

A notification is published at Simla, in the *Gazette of India*, dated 11th inst. That in the calendar year 1892, not more than 50,000 ounces of opium will be offered for sale and not more than 4,000 chests in each month of the year. The Government will not be bound to purchase more than 3,300 chests of opium, and not more than 2,100 chests of opium, and (3) that no reduction will be made in the quantity without the sanction of the Government.

The Agents (Messrs. Dowell, Carill & Co.) informed us that the Canadian Pacific steamer *Empress of Japan*, with mails from Quebec to the 24th inst., Vancouver last inst., left Shanghai for Hongkong at 8 a.m. yesterday.

It will be seen by the telegrams published in another column, General Sir O'Leary Carnegie, who was Governor of Singapore during his administration by the Indian Government, is dead. He was referred to as "General Sir," by the rule, we believe, enacted strongly of military conduct.

The *N. C. Daily News* says—The Commissioner for France, Mr. R. Wagner, has done a very handsome thing in paying \$500 as compensation to the Chinese for the loss of a man. It was alleged, was killed recently by a French policeman. We were informed that in his dispatch to the *Taipei* Sir Wagner stated that he had been informed by the Chinese authorities at Saigon, and this ought to satisfy Chinese feeling on the subject. The money sent was distributed by the magistrate to the relatives of the deceased.

We learn from native sources (says the *Mercury*) that the Emperor has deputed an envoy by the name of Chang to the Chinese frontier, and has perpetuated upon the different mission properties along the Yang-tze valley. The man who has been appointed to settle this difficult affair is Mr. Chin Yeh-shien, a relative of Canton, who was once Minister to America. He was travelling towards Peking, but since the despatch has come down and interpreted him, it is very probable that he will be sent to the frontier for handling to commence his difficult mission.

At Nanking recently, according to a Chinese newspaper, a Chinese aristocrat received information that a Col. Leake of Canton was likely to come to the place, and some runners were sent to apprehend him. When they got to the place, they saw a fine, red-headed-looking gentleman come along the road, and they were told that the gentleman said his name was Chan, and the men that the runners were enquiring for was inside. So the runners thought they had a big fish to catch. They followed him to a place called Wang for 144, the supposed leader, when they were clearly informed that the man they had spoken to at the doorway was Chan. They turned round, but found their bird had flown.

We have received a chronometrist's note from Citizen George Francis Train, from Port Said. The greater part of the letter is written in French, but the following is an extract: "I am finance officer! World dead broke. Danger signals everywhere!" Such is part of the alarming story. On a hand bill inside the letter, Mr. Train says he has been 270 miles from New York, Whitcomb, Egypt, bound to Hongkong (via Yokohama, Kobe, and Shanghai). Quoting passage over 900 miles, these people cost \$250, 25th, 15 days. The cost of the trip, 1,450 miles, Jan. 17th, 48 days, 25 days. Perin 4,024 miles, Jan. 17th, 38 days, 25 days. Port Said 2,000 miles, Jan. 17th, 48 days. Geo. Francis Train. (Bound World 48 days.)

The appended items are taken from the *London and China Express* of the 10th inst.

Mr. J. Greyson, who has for the past six years been dispenser at Hadd's Hospital, has been appointed to the position of Dispenser at the same place, he will be well known as a reader, and was always willing to assist at entertainments for friends or objects.

The *Severn*, on the China Station, has been relieved by the *Mersey* after the manoeuvres. She is to come home for certain alterations; her engine is to be replaced by a new one, and she should be, and her propeller shifting has been giving some trouble.

The Hon. Sir Henry Kuper, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, surving brother of the late Earl of Albemarle, of Waterford, France, and who served in the *Galathea* in 1842, and in the *Albatross* in the *Galathea* in 1848, and in the *Albatross* at Sebastopol in the following year, attained his eighty-second year on 14th inst.

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**VESSELS EXPECTED.**

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. steamer *Empress* of Japan, with mails from Quebec to the 24th inst, left Shanghai at 10 a. m. on the 19th and is due here on the evening of the 21st inst.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

The U. S. M. steamer *Ola* of Rio de Janeiro, with mails to A. M. from San Francisco to the 27th inst, left Yokohama for this port on the 15th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. steamer *Ancona* left Nagasaki at 5 p. m. on the 16th, and is due here in the 20th inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Pekin* left Shanghai at 9 a. m. on Saturday and is due to-morrow.

The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Pat* of Am. from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 15th and is due here on the 21st inst.

This Union Line steamer *Galle* of Lorne left Singapore on the 17th and is due on the 23rd inst.

The China Shippers' Mutual steamer *Kowloon* from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the anchor on the 8th inst, and may be considered due here on the 10th inst.

relating to or about the 25th inst. The steamer *Albatross* left Singapore on the morning of the 10th, and is due here on the 25th inst.

The China Steamer *Yankee* and steamship *Gopang* passed the Canal on the 13th July and are due at Singapore on the 1st August.

The S. & O. steamer *Lowlandy* left Bombay on the 9th inst.

The Chinese Pacific steamer *Empress of China* left Liverpool on the 13th July and is due here on or about the 28th August.

**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

**PEAK DELIVERY** closes at Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m., or in Letter Boxes at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Letters put in Letter Boxes at Peak will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

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THE authorized List of Mails issued in conjunction with this paper is the only published twice each day in our Paper, which is corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

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For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay.—*Per Thetis*, to-day, the 20th inst. at 11.30 a.m.

For Shanghai—Per *Ganges*, to-day, the 29th inst., at 10.30 A.M.  
 For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Torville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne—Per *Changsha*, to-morrow, the 21st inst. at 10.30 A.M.  
 For Shanghai, Yokohama, Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Farthra*, to-morrow, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Seattle and Columbia—Per *Quising*, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at 10.3 A.M.  
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per *Angoon*, on Friday, the 24th inst., at 5.50 P.M.

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D. GILLIES,  
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